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SUBJECT: SELECTION OF NEW NATO DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL

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1. G. RIDDELL, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF DEFENSE RELATIONS, DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (EXTAFF), TOLD POLITICAL COUNSELOR JANUARY 10 CANADIANS HAVE RECEIVED MIXED REACTIONS TO GOC PROPOSAL THAT NAC DISCUSS AND ESTABLISH CLEAR PROCEDURES FOR SELECTION OF SYG AND CONFIDENTIAL

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D/SYG. NORWEGIANS, HE INDICATED, ARE STRONGLY POSITIVE, BRITISH ARE NON-COMMITTAL, AMERICANS ARE "SYMPATHETIC" (VINE-VERN TURNER CCNVERSATION), AND PORTUGUESE FAVOR PROPOSAL IN PRINCIPLE, BUT PREFER NOT TO BECOME INVOLVED BECAUSE THEY FEEL SENSE OF OBLIGATION TO LUNS FOR HIS ROLE IN FACILITATING ASSISTANCE TO PROTUGAL. NO REPLY HAS YET BEEN RECEIVED FROM BONN.

2. RIDDELL INDICATED GOC INTENDS TO PURSUE THIS MATTER IN NAC BUT DEGREE TO WHICH IT WILL PUSH IT WILL DEPEND ON WHETHER THERE ARE CLEAR INDICATIONS OF STRONG SUPPORT BY KEY ALLIES, PARTICULARLY U.S. ENDERS

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